

SENATE BILL No. 127

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 9-21-13.

Synopsis: Funeral procession vehicles. Prohibits the display of flashing amber lights to indicate the operation of a vehicle in a funeral procession. Requires a vehicle in a funeral procession to display a flag or windshield sticker.

Effective: July 1, 2004.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2003 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning motor vehicles.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 9-21-13-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.236-2003,
2 SECTION 10, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2004]: Sec. 4. ~~(a) The lead and funeral escort vehicles in a~~
4 ~~funeral procession may be equipped with flashing amber lights that~~
5 ~~may be used only when the vehicles are used in a funeral procession:~~

6 **(b)** Notwithstanding any other provisions in this article that govern
7 emergency vehicles, the lead and funeral escort vehicles in a funeral
8 procession may be equipped with flashing red lights that may be used
9 only when the vehicles are used in a funeral procession. The flashing
10 red lights may only be used to gain the right-of-way at intersections and
11 to protect a funeral procession while crossing an intersection.

12 SECTION 2. IC 9-21-13-4.5, AS ADDED BY P.L.236-2003,
13 SECTION 11, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
14 JULY 1, 2004]: Sec. 4.5. (a) A person operating a vehicle in a funeral
15 procession:

- 16 (1) must exercise due caution while in the funeral procession; and
17 (2) must follow the preceding vehicle in the funeral procession as



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1 closely as is practical and safe.

2 (b) A vehicle that is part of a funeral procession

3 ~~(1) must have its headlights and taillights illuminated. and~~

4 ~~(2) may display flashing amber lights.~~

5 (c) The operator of:

6 (1) a vehicle immediately following the lead vehicle in a funeral
7 procession; and

8 (2) the last vehicle in the funeral procession;

9 may illuminate the vehicle's hazard warning lights while in the funeral
10 procession.

11 SECTION 3. IC 9-21-13-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.236-2003,
12 SECTION 12, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
13 JULY 1, 2004]: Sec. 5. A vehicle that is a part of a funeral procession

14 ~~may~~ **shall** use:

15 (1) funeral pennants or flags; ~~or~~

16 (2) windshield stickers; ~~or~~

17 ~~(3) an amber light as described in section 4.5(b) of this chapter;~~
18 to identify the vehicle as a part of the procession.

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